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SUBJ: DRUG TRAFFIC IN BAHAMAS

1. BAHAMAS PRIME MINISTER PINDLING SAID, AS GUEST ON HOUR-LONG TV TALK SHOW RECENTLY, THAT QTE IF BAHAMIANS THINK THEY CAN FOOL WITH THESE GUYS THAT HANDLE COCAINE AND MARIJUANA AND SURVIVE, THEY ARE WRONG. THESE GUYS PLAY FOR HIGH STAKES UNQTE.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE BAHAMAS FACED AN INVASION BY FOREIGN DRUG AND IMMIGRANT SMUGGLERS AND CALLED UPON ALL BAHAMIANS TO HELP THE FLEDGLING, DEFENCE FORCE AND THE POLICE TO STAMP OUT THESE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. THE PM ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE PROTECTION OF BAHAMAS SEA BORDERS ARE IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO GEOGRAPHICAL MAKE-UP OF THE COUNTRY WITH THOUSANDS OF MILES OF BEACHES, CAYS, LONELY AND UNINHABITED ISLANDS.

2. THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PM REGARDING THE DRUG TRAFFIC AND THE SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE BAHAMAS. WHAT DID SEEM TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT HE DID MAKE WAS QTE UNFORTUNATELY THE TRAFFICKERS ARE MAKING IT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE ASSISTANCE FROM INSIDE THE COUNTRY UNQTE. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN THE COMMUNITY THAT POSSIBLY SOME BAHAMIANS HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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INVOLVED IN THE DRUG TRAFFIC, BUT, THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS, IN FACT, IS THE CASE. SCHWARTZ

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